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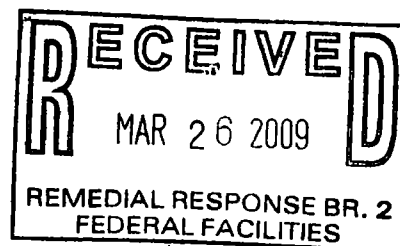
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March 24, 2009



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Re: Army Letter Regarding Formal Site Inspections
On the Former Fort Sheridan Army Base
Fort Sheridan, Illinois

0970555001/Lake
Fort Sheridan (BRAC)
Superfund/Technical

Dear Mr. Brawner:

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA or Agency) is in receipt of the Army's letter dated March 16, 2009 and received on March 20, 2009. The letter was in regards to the formal site inspections that are required as part of the final remedies in place for several sites on the former Army base at Fort Sheridan. The Army requested a reduction in the frequency of the formal site inspections at Landfills 1, 5, 6 and 7, as well as, Coal Storage Area 3. The current inspection schedule requires the site inspections to occur on a quarterly basis for all of these sites. The Army is proposing to conduct site inspections according to the following schedule; Landfill 1 - semi-annually, Coal Storage Area 3 - annually, Landfill 5 - annually, and Landfills 6 and 7 - quarterly. The letter goes on to state that, "As outlined in the O & M Plan, the Army would continue to conduct inspections during frequent mowing operations (with the exception of Landfill 1) and after the occurrence of major storm events (defined as 1-inch of rain in a 24-hour period)."

Illinois EPA has reviewed the previously-submitted inspection reports for each of these sites back to the beginning of their respective monitoring periods. These sites have consistently been found to be in good repair and have required little to no corrective actions to maintain or repair the installed remedies. In addition, the Agency occasionally conducts unplanned inspections of these sites when in the area on other business. They most always appear in good condition requiring no maintenance activities. With this in mind, the Agency can agree to the proposed reductions in monitoring frequency as listed above and in the Army's letter. Please be sure to continue those inspections throughout the year which are triggered by major storm events in

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accordance with the Operations and Maintenance Plans for those sites.

If you have any questions regarding anything in this correspondence, you may contact me at 217/557-8155 or via electronic mail at Brian.Conrath@illinois.gov.

Sincerely,

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